

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 7-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,684,088 (Halahmi). Claim 3, 6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Halahmi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,049,831 (Gardell).

The Examiner has rejected all the elements of independent Claims 1, 4 and 7 under § 102(e) as being anticipated by Halahmi. Halahmi discloses a method and system for transmitting E-mail messages to, and displaying the contents of such messages by, a low bandwidth device. Although the applicant respectfully believes that the Examiner is incorrect, Claims 1, 4 and 7 have been amended to include a video-on-demand (VOD) server, which is not taught by Halahmi. Moreover, the recitation “wherein an E-mail recipient can access data stored in a VOD server by selecting the multimedia link information from within an opened E-mail”, which is not disclosed in Halahmi has also been added to Claims 1, 4 and 7. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1, 4 and 7 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 4 and 7 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-3, 5-6 and 8-9, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-3, 5-6 and 8-9 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-9, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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